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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Application No.</i>	09/675,259
<i>Filing Date</i>	September 28, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Thomas G. Ruttan
<i>Art Unit</i>	2839
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Jean F. Duverne
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	42390P9486

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 4, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed

i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Return Receipt Postcard</u>
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: (\$0.00)
 - b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	11/23/04

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 01/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 790.00)

Complete if Known	
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number **02-2666**

Deposit Account Name **Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP**

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fees as required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 and 1.20.
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	790	2001	395	Utility filing fee
1002	350	2002	175	Design filing fee
1003	550	2003	275	Plant filing fee
1004	790	2004	395	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)		

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
		20**	= <input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>	
		3	= <input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>	

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	88	2201	44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	300	2203	150	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	88	2204	44	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)		

**or number previously paid, if greater, For Reissues, see below

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
2053	130	2053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	430	2252	215 Extension for reply within second month
1253	980	2253	490 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,530	2254	765 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,080	2255	1,040 Extension for reply within fifth month
1404	340	2401	170 Notice of Appeal
1402	340	2402	170 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	300	2403	150 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	2451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,370	2453	685 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,370	2501	685 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	490	2502	245 Design issue fee
1503	660	2503	330 Plant issue fee
1460	130	2460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	790	1809	395 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	790	2810	395 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	790	2801	395 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)		790.00	
SUBTOTAL (3)		(\$)	

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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